

Battlefield Preservation and Stewardship Workshop

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources invites you to attend a Civil War battlefield preservation and stewardship workshop at Richard Bland College in Petersburg on October 23-24. Titled “*Virginia’s ‘Unclaimed’ Civil War Battlefields—A Preservation Opportunity, A Preservation Challenge*,” the workshop will explore the vital role that not-for-profit preservation organizations can play as partners in the protection and stewardship of Virginia’s threatened Civil War battlefields.



Fort Stedman Cannon, Petersburg National Battlefield

Who Should Attend?

The workshop is open to any citizen, organization, or jurisdiction interested in taking meaningful action to preserve, interpret and promote Civil War battlefields in their communities and region. It will be especially interesting to members of existing battlefield friends groups and trusts and to community leaders in the larger Petersburg region.

What Will You Learn?

Presentations by experts and collaborative work sessions will engage participants in addressing these vital questions and more:

- What is the state of Civil War battlefield preservation in Virginia?
- What are the benefits of being a friend of battlefield preservation?
- What types of private organizations support battlefield preservation and stewardship?
- What assistance and resources are available to them from state and national public and private partners?
- What are notable accomplishments, lessons learned and best practices of these volunteer organizations?
- How can public and private funding and resources be leveraged to preserve and steward battlefield land?
- What are the opportunities and challenges for battlefield preservation and promotion in southeast Virginia and other regions of Virginia?
- How could a regional strategy offer the best approach to preservation success?

Where is the Workshop?

The workshop will convene in Richard Bland College's Barn Theater. The College is located at 8311 Halifax Road, Petersburg 23805. For directions, visit the College's web site www.rbc.edu or call Richard Bland College at 804-862-6100, and dial zero.

What Does the Workshop Cost? What Is Included?

The workshop fee is \$60 per person and includes all plenary and breakout sessions, a light continental breakfast and lunch each day, a Thursday evening reception and admission to Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier. <http://www.pamplinpark.org/>

Attendees are responsible for their own lodging and meals outside the workshop schedule.

A block of 25 rooms are available at the government rate of \$83 plus tax at the Country Inn and Suites at 130 Wagner Road, Petersburg VA, 23805, (804) 861-4355. A block of 20 rooms are available at the government rate of \$83 plus tax at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites at 5679 Boynton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA 23803, (804) 518-1515. Rooms must be reserved at least one week before the workshop.

How Can I Register?

Online registration is now open by clicking the following web link : : <https://rbcadmissions.wufoo.com/forms/departments-of-historic-resources-workshop/>.

DHR urges people to register early as the conference is limited to 150 participants. The deadline for registration is Monday, October 20th.

How Can I Get More Information?

Additional information, the workshop agenda, and regular updates about the workshop will be posted to the homepage of DHR's Website (www.dhr.virginia.gov) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Virginia-Department-of-Historic-Resources/383005701837393>)

You can also contact our workshop facilitator Glenn Stach at Glenn.Stach@dhr.virginia.gov

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